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May 20, 2008

The Honorable Jim Weiers
Speaker of the House
Arizona House of Representatives
1700 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: House Bill 2557; Schools; Standards; PE; Art; Music

Dear Speaker Weiers:

I have vetoed House Bill 2557, which purports to prohibit school districts from eliminating or reducing instruction in physical education, the arts, music, career and technical education or vocational education unless, among other exceptions, the governing board of the school district votes to do so. A decision by the school district governing board is already the method by which districts make such changes in their curricula. House Bill 2557 is, therefore, both unnecessary and redundant.

In addition, House Bill 2557 provides school districts no additional resources to foster programs in music, the arts, physical education, or career and technical education. Thus, not only is House Bill 2557 unnecessary, it also is an empty promise for important areas that need real action.

For these and other reasons, I have vetoed House Bill 2557.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet Napolitano", written over a horizontal line.

Janet Napolitano
Governor

JN:LK/jm

cc: The Honorable Timothy S. Bee
The Honorable Mark Anderson

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE
AMENDMENTS AND FINAL PASSAGE

May 14, 2008,

by the following vote: 47 Ayes,

9 Nays, 4 Not Voting

[Signature]
Speaker of the House
Spencer L. Sturgeon
Chief Clerk of the House

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill was received by the Governor this

14th day of May, 2008

at 1:08 o'clock P. M.

Jennifer Upbarra
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this _____ day of

_____, 20____,
VETO
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Governor of Arizona

H.B. 2557

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State

this 20 day of May, 2008,

at 4:23 o'clock P. M.

Jessie K. Brewer
Secretary of State